

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 8, 2005 has been carefully reviewed along with the references cited therein. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure for including reference numeral "150" which is not seen in the drawings. The Examiner also rejected claims 31, 32, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either Verega (U.S. Patent No. 4,274,231), Johanson (U.S. Patent No. 2,373,187), and Jones et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2,327,272). Claims 33-36, and 38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner indicated that claims 2, 24, 25, and 26 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

SPECIFICATION

Applicant has provided a drawing replacement sheet that includes amended FIGURE 6 having reference number "150." No new matter has been added to the application through this amendment.

CLAIMS

Claims 31, 32 and 37 were rejected as being anticipated by Verega, Johanson, and Jones et al. Claim 31 has been amended to recite a fine grinding wheel having a fine grinding surface with an outer radial extent. The outer extent in the references is on a peripheral grinding edge, which is aligned along an axial surface of the grinding wheel as opposed to a radial surface of the grinding wheel. Accordingly, claim 31 has been amended to define the cited references.

CONCLUSION

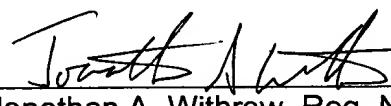
For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited. In any event, should the Examiner consider personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

FIGURE 5 has been amended to include reference number "150."